

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/703,856

Examiner

Wen-Tai Lin

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 5/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19, 21-35 and 40, renumbered as 1-35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for the examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Christopher Bernard, reg. no. 48234, on November 6, 2006.

2. In the claims: please cancel claims 36 and 39.

3. In the Specification:

(i) On page 189, delete lines 24-25.

(ii) On page 1, replace lines 2-4 with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial Number 09/687191, filed October 12, 2000, entitled "Utilizing Managed Object Proxies in Network Management Systems", abandoned,

which is a CIP of 09/663,947, filed 09/18/2000, abandoned,

which is a CIP of 09/656,123, filed 09/06/2000, abandoned,

which is a CIP of 09/653,700, filed 08/31/2000, abandoned,

which is a CIP of 09/637,800, filed 08/11/2000,

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which is a CIP of 09/633,675, filed 08/07/2000, U.S. Pat. No. 7,111,053

which is a CIP of 09/625,101, filed 07/24/2000, abandoned,

which is a CIP of 09/616,477, filed 07/14/2000, U.S. Pat. No. 7,054,272

which is a CIP of 09/613,940, filed 07/11/2000, U.S. Pat. No. 7,039,046

which is a CIP of 09/596,055, filed 06/16/2000, U.S. Pat. No. 6,760,339 *

which is a CIP of 09/593,034, filed 06/13/2000, abandoned,

which is a CIP of 09/591,193, filed 06/09/2000, U.S. Pat. No. 6,332,198,

which is a CIP of 09/588,398, filed 06/06/2000, abandoned,

which is a CIP of 09/574,341, filed 05/20/2000, U.S. Pat. No. 7,062,642,

and is a CIP of 09/574,343, filed 05/20/2000, U.S. Pat. No. 6,639,910,

and said 09/593,034, filed 06/13/2000 is a CIP of 09/574,440 05/20/2000, U.S. Pat. No.

6,654,903.

(iii) On page 16, line 22, fill in the blank with – 09/574343--;

line 24, insert before “which” -- , now U.S. Patent No. 6,639910, --.

(iv) On page 182, line 15, fill in the blank with – 09/574343--;

line 17, insert before “which” -- , now U.S. Patent No. 6,639910, --.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Tai Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-3969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday(8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571)272-3964. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

(571)273-8300 for official communications; and

(571)273-3969 for status inquires draft communication.

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